

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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There Are Great Times Ahead! Who Would Not Want to Enter Into Them And Get Blest?

Do You Use the World's Best Textbook?

By Arthur Chapman

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With all the competition in this age of books, the Bible is "the best seller" in the world today. More than thirty-five million copies are distributed annually. The Bible is millions and millions ahead of its nearest rivals among books, in spite of its advantages in novelty and in advertising.

When the book of a modern writer is translated into two or three languages, the author is as proud as a peacock. But the Bible is printed in six hundred and fifty different languages and dialects. There are twelve editions of it for the blind alone. In short, the most popular modern book anywhere is a mere piker, a hopelessly outclassed "also ran," compared with the Bible.

Charles A. Dana, one of the greatest newspaper editors this country has ever produced, was addressing an audience of university students once, and he told them that if they wanted to know two things—how to write and how to judge human nature—they could get more out of just two books than out of all the rest of the world's literature put together. Those two books were Shakespeare and the Bible. And he added that if they happened to lose Shakespeare, they would yet have all the world's wisdom, and the world's greatest piece of writing, if they still possessed the Bible.

Take the greatest moral writers in history. Can you conceive, for instance, of a bunch of hard-headed business men forming a society and getting up a fund to put a copy of Plato, or of Marcus Aurelius, or of Emerson, into every room of scores of hotels all over the United States? Do you think that hundreds of commercial travelers—"drummers"—for the sale of shoes and socks, and canned corn, and lumber, and hardware, and soap, and wall paper—would chip in to distribute thousands of copies of Epictetus?

Yet, for the past ten years, a big organization of these traveling men has been spending good money to put Bibles in hotel rooms. It is called the Gideon Society, has headquarters in Chicago, and publishes a national magazine.

The largest single shipment of Bibles in this country was when the Gideons sent two carloads to San Francisco, a few years ago, to be placed in the hotels of that city. The "Bible train" had a triumphal progress on its way to the coast. Crowds met it at stations along the route. You'd have thought it was carrying a President, or some royal visitor, instead of a few tons of books.

The Gideons can tell dozens of stories which have come to them because of the crop of 400,000 Bibles they have sowed right and left. Many of these stories are sent straight from the hotel rooms, where the writers of them, overwhelmed with grief or degradation, have found and read the book, which has given them hope and courage to face life again.

Men and women who have gone to these rooms planning not to leave them alive have picked up a Gideon Bible, read wherever by chance they opened it, and found words which saved them from the cowardice of suicide, and put them back, heads up and teeth set, into the ranks of the fighters again. Many of the Gideons themselves are men to whom these hotel Bibles came at some turning point in their career. Here is a typical story as told by one of them:

"I was like a good many traveling men who used to drink more or less," this man says, "although, in my case, I always drank more—not less. My sales manager knew my falling, and had slipped me several pretty sharp hints about it. But as I managed to deliver good business he couldn't jump on me very hard.

"On one of my trips, I started a 'jamboo' in Davenport and Rock Island. A bunch of congenial spirits, of both kinds, was making merry in my room at the hotel on Sunday, when a fellow I had never liked butted into the crowd. I wasn't in a very easy frame of mind, anyway, and everything he did and said seemed to rub me the wrong way.

"I managed to overlook a lot of things; but finally he got my goat for fair when he tore a leaf out of the Gideon Bible on the bureau. Said he wanted to make some notes on it. As you can understand, I wasn't an shining example of a religious man. But

there was something in me that flared up when I saw him mutilate that Bible as carelessly as if it had been the telephone directory. I lit on him like a ton of brick and simply booted him out of the room.

"Of course, that made him love me the way a pretty girl loves the smallpox. When I kicked him out he didn't stop moving until he reached the telephone office, where he sent a hot wire to my firm telling how I was spending my time—and, of course, some of their money. They knew something was wrong, anyway, so they wired me my salary due and my discharge.

"In the meantime, the fracas in my room broke up the drinking party. When I came back, after chasing the man out, the rest of the fellows had faded away. Didn't want to be mixed up in any rumpus. I shut and locked the door—and then I saw the mutilated Bible. Picking it up, I lay down and began to read; it was the first time in years that I had opened a Bible. I read on and on, until I fell asleep.

"When I woke up, I felt—well, I felt as a man does after a three-day spree. My head ached and the one thing I wanted was a drink. But there beside me, lay the Bible; and instead of taking a drink, I picked up the book and began reading it again.

"I have never touched a drop of liquor from that day to this. As soon as I was able, I went to my firm and got them to give me another chance; and I guess they never have regretted it. I have to thank that Gideon Bible for saving me from the gutter."

The man who laughs at people for reading the Bible is an ignorant fool. For the Bible is the greatest authority in the world along its line. And its line is human living. The man who turns his back on the Bible is deliberately neglecting to consult the best specialist on how to live, how to work, and how to be happy. The best set of business rules anybody could devise might be taken verbatim from the Bible. The same thing is true of the other relations of life. How to meet adversity of prosperity, how to get along with your friends and your enemies, how to be well in body and contented in mind—whatever your problem, the Bible can give you the right dope on how to meet it.

A prosperous New York attorney took his family, consisting of his wife and two daughters, to Palm Beach, Florida, some years ago, for a winter holiday. Both daughters were drowned while bathing; and the wife died of grief not long afterward.

The shock of this triple tragedy seemed to destroy the man's interest in life. He neglected his profession and slipped lower and lower into the depths of indifference and wretchedness until he became nothing but a common "bum."

One night he drifted into a cheap lodging-house on the Bowery. But the New York Bible Society had been there before him and, in neat containers on the walls, this man found some copies of "the greatest textbook in the world." Because he had nothing better to do, he took down one of the volumes, opened it haphazardly, and began to read.

Thousands of persons tell of having opened the Bible by chance and of finding themselves reading something which seemed to have been written just to apply to their specific need. Many of them consider this a miraculous direction of Providence. But the wisdom of the Bible is so fundamental, of such universal application, that even a random opening is almost certain to turn up a nugget of great value.

This man had that experience. When he casually opened the book, the first lines he read seemed so vivid a message to him, that he felt they had been spoken directly into his ears. The result was that he woke to a new realization of what life could and should mean to him. He took a new grip on himself, regained his position of usefulness, and incidentally became a missionary in the slums of the city.

The American Bible Society, in the picturesque old Bible House in New York, is one of the greatest distributors of Bibles in the world. The New York Bible Society sees that every immigrant at Ellis Island is handed a copy of the Scriptures in his own language. Every ship that comes up the bay is visited by an agent of the society. He has a grip full of pocket-size Testaments, and every sailor that wants one gets it free. Each month 1,500 of these Testaments are

given away in this manner.

One Bible Society has put 25,000 Bibles into New York hotels. When a college man, or a college graduate, enters a guest-room in a New York fraternity house, or in one of the college clubs, he finds a Bible there. Just as, at the other extreme of the social scale, the hobo, the down-and-outer, the shivering outcast, finds a copy of the same book in the cheap joint he patronizes.

From end to end of the country, in towns, villages, lonely mountain valleys, ice-bound Alaska mining camps, and parched Western deserts, you will find the agents of the society carrying their loads of Bibles. These colporteurs, as they are called, have a queer assortment of experiences. "I have had men curse and threaten me," says one of them; "and, within the hour, have had other men bless and offer to help me. I have had money given to me; and I have had it taken away—by force. I have gone, with my Bibles, into many saloons, and only once was I told to get out. I have seen card games stop in the instant while the players crowded around to look at a few Bibles dumped on a table. Men who had been drinking and gambling a moment before would pick up the books, turn the leaves in a curious silence, then go down into their pockets for the money, and buy a copy.

"I have climbed into the cab of a slowly moving engine and sold a Bible to the engineer and one to the fireman before I dropped off again. I have had young men look wonderingly through the Bible and tell me they never had seen one before! I have been invited into 'the best houses'—and I have eaten frogs and crawfish out of a rusty tin can, my host being three tramps beside a mudhole."

One of these colporteurs was about to enter a machine shop one day, carrying his suit case full of Bibles, when he noticed a prosperous-looking individual sitting in an automobile near the entrance, to the shop. Taking out one of the books, he offered it to the man, who gave it a lazy glance, and said he wasn't interested. This agent smiled and asked him to keep it while he went into the shop.

"When I came out," says the agent, "he was reading it intently."

"How much?" he asked curiously. "I told him, he produced the money—and I went my way."

Who knows what that man found in the book he thought he wasn't interested in, to make him want to own it? Pick up your own Bible—if you have one and know where to find it, open it anywhere, and see if you don't come across something which, in your imagination, you can see that man reading with sudden, sharp interest. For no human being can go far in the Bible without coming to something of personal, practical application to his daily life.

The colporteur in this country must be a good deal of a linguist, for he serves people of almost all nationalities. Next to English, the greatest demand for Bibles here is for Italian and Polish. Indians want a Bible with a thumb index, "just like white man." The great time for distributing the books to them is at their annual gatherings, when the old tribal dances and chantings are followed by a big "sing-song" in English by the young Indians. Many of the agents systematically follow the street carnivals and country fairs. Others visit amusement parks of the Coney Island type. Others go to logging camps, mining camps, drive to the scattered homesteaders on the plains, or visit the negro cabins of the South.

Do you know of any other book in the world that would appeal to all these races, classes, ages, conditions? Do you know of any other book that would interest the most uneducated and the most highly cultivated alike? Do you know any other book that could give just what they need to both the bum and the banker, the prince and the pauper, the demimonde and the debutante, the scrub woman and the society leader, to youth with life before it and to old age with one foot in the grave?

If it isn't the greatest textbook for human beings of all kinds, what is? And if it is the greatest textbook in the world, are you missing a trick by not studying it?

In this magazine, a few years ago, was printed an article on "The Book That Has Helped Me Most in Business." That article was an eye-opener to countless men. The idea of getting shrewd business counsel from the Bible had never occurred to them. They began the article, thinking they were going to get a tip about some particularly up-to-date volume on management. And they did! But the "up-to-date volume" was the Bible.

Because this is true, and because all that has been said in this present article is true, you will be interested to know something about the making and distributing of the Bible today, and also some of the wonderful bits of its history.

Though the Bible is the most pop-

ular of all books, don't imagine that its publication is to be lightly attempted. A prominent publisher estimates that before a Bible can be put on the market at least five hundred thousand dollars in capital will be required, and thousands of dollars must be spent in plates and equipment in general. No house could afford to put out less than ten styles of Bibles. From that number the styles run up to thirty.

The Bible appears in larger editions than any other book. Two million copies of the Revised New Testament were ordered in advance—in sharp contrast to the fifteen thousand which constituted the first edition of Tyndale's New Testament, translated from the Greek of Erasmus and secretly sent into England in bales of cloth and sacks of flour in 1525.

The American Bible Society never prints less than one hundred thousand copies when it goes to press with an edition of one of its more popular forms of Bibles. At the same time, perhaps, it will print an edition of not more than one thousand of an expensive translation to circulate among the Kurds.

People have very decided preferences as to the edition they get. One man objected to a modern version, because he said it "read like a morning newspaper." A woman refused a thirty-five-cent edition, because she thought so cheap a Bible could not be right.

"I want a God's Bible!" she said.

Twenty million Testaments were distributed among the soldiers and sailors of the countries engaged in the recent war, and it is declared that millions of these men are now demanding the whole Bible.

Europe has had a Bible famine since the war began. Presses were stopped; and in some of the invaded countries plates were hidden so that they could not be confiscated and used in making munitions. In order to help Europe over this Bible famine, photographic copies in various languages were made by the American Bible Society, and many editions of these have been run off and sent abroad.

The Bible famine in Europe today is similar to that experienced in this country during the War of the Revolution. No Bibles were received in the United States during that war. Meantime, Robert Aitken of Philadelphia printed the first Bibles to come from the American press. The enterprise nearly ruined him, for when his Bibles were ready, peace was signed with Great Britain and there came a flood of cheap Bibles from London. Lincoln's Bible, which constituted his principal reading in his youth, was one of those little books from England.

America is well to the fore in Bible printing. The American Bible Society does one fifth of the Bible business of the world. It has been estimated that the average Bible printed by that house costs fifteen cents to make, ship, and deliver to the reader. This estimate includes the "penny portions," as well as the five dollar books. Out of that fifteen cents the company gets six cents for sales. The deficit of nine cents must be borne by the various denominations and individuals in general supporting the society. There are between forty and forty-five denominational groups contributing toward the publication put out by the American Bible Society. In one hundred and four years the American Bible Society has put out 138,000,000 volumes.

The largest Bible in the world is in the Royal Library of Stockholm. The covers are of solid plank, four inches thick and the pages are a yard in length. There are three hundred and nine pages, and it is estimated that the skins of one hundred asses were used to make the parchment leaves of the book. The famous "Thumb Bible," in the Theological Seminary at Washington, is the smallest complete and unabridged Bible ever printed. The Revised Mandarin Bible, which has just been completed by the American Bible Society, is said to go to more human beings than any other translation. Several hours were spent on each verse—and there are 33,173 verses in the Bible. One member of the translation committee did not have a furlough from the task for twenty years. The work cost \$132,000, without counting the sums paid by missionary societies to the translators. This new version has been printed in China, the first copies having been distributed in February, 1920.

Many manuscript Bibles, besides several of Wycliffe's are in existence. The Wycliffe Bibles were written by hand, translated from the Latin Vulgate, and cost \$200 apiece. Those who could not afford to buy, paid to read these Bibles by the hour. A manuscript Bible, of enormous size, is now in preparation in England. It is to be the joint handiwork of royalty and of political and educational leaders. When finished, it will be long since you read it?

ON THE FIRING LINE

Now is The Time to Work And Our People Have it in Them.

We Must Outstrip Every Other Religious Movement in The World.

If you do not have the snap and fire you are not worth much in the Lord's work. The time has been when people could appear very pious and carry a solemn air and never smile or sing and probably be worth something in the Lord's service. But that time is past now. You've got to be on the firing line now if you want to make a mark in the Lord's service.

Picketing and skirmishing may be worth all they are intended for, but it is not until the regulars come up with their firing line that decisive battles are fought and victories are gained. There must be something more done than merely parading around and taking chances. There must be something

sent all over the world, as part of a Bible campaign.

A New York man's son, a cripple, spent several hours a day for two years, writing a Bible. It does not contain an error, and the verses and headings are all in red ink, the whole being beautifully written. A short-hand Bible is exhibited in London, the work of an apprentice in the days of James II, when even to possess a Bible was dangerous. An American woman owns a Bible which an ancestress baked in a loaf of bread, when a house-to-house search was being made for copies of the Scriptures.

Many single Bibles are of great value. Henry E. Huntington paid \$50,000 for the famous Gutengerg Bible from the Hoe collection. This Bible was the first book known to have been printed from movable types, and was brought out between 1450 and 1455.

Many editions of the Bible have been printed, and more are appearing regularly. The King James version has been used for three centuries. It is so called because at the beginning of the seventeenth century, when there were three versions of the Bible in existence, King James had fifty-four experts undertake a fresh translation from many old documents besides the Hebrew and Greek originals.

During the Victorian era many additional documents were found, and the authorized version was revised by nearly one hundred English and American scholars, who worked from 1870 to 1881 on the revised New Testament.

Of the famous old editions of the Bible, the "Breeches Bible" is the best known. It is really the Geneva Bible, translated from the Hebrew and Greek, and was the first to be divided into verses. It was called the "Breeches Bible" because Genesis 3: 7, is made to read: "They sewed fig-tree leaves together and made themselves breeches."

The "Poor Man's Bible" came out in 1491, and was given its title because it was printed in small folio size and could easily be bought by the poorer people. In 1568 the "Bishops' Bible" was brought out. It was published by a company of bishops and cost \$80 a volume. It was not popular because of its cost. Altogether, it is estimated that ten thousand editions of the Bible have been printed.

Curious errors have been made in some of these editions. For example, in one of the early Bibles, the text of Psalm 119:161, was made to read: "Printers have persecuted me without a cause," instead of "Princes have persecuted me without cause."

Contributors for Bible publishing and circulation have totaled many millions. In 1904, President Roosevelt, ex-President Cleveland, Chief Justice Fuller, Justices Harlan and Brewer of the United States Supreme Court, and nearly a score of other distinguished men, appealed for funds to carry on Bible distribution at home and abroad. Once more—can you imagine those men asking the nation to contribute money for the distribution of any other book in the world? In their appeal they said it would be "a menace to civilized humanity" if circulation of the Bible decreased.

Down in Dallas, Texas, there is a street car conductor who has set himself the task of placing a copy of the Gospel of St. John in the hands of every car man in the city. A railroad conductor in the same town buys inexpensive Testaments by the dozen and distributes them to the section hands, station loiterers and passengers along this run. In short, rich and poor, great and lowly, Presidents of the United States, street-car conductors, "drummers," up-and-coming newspaper men—in all walks of life you find men and women who think the Bible is worth reading and worth getting other people to read. How long since you read it?

real and definite now. And if you are actually on the firing line you will be fired at by the enemy.

The Church of God is on the firing line, and that is the very reason that the enemy is firing back at it so vigorously. And let me tell you that the Church of God Army is going into it about right now. Money is scarce now, and this is against us at present, but we are receiving letters from many of the workers stating that they expect to continue on in the work even if they do have to live hard and suffer for food and raiment. This sounds like real soldiers to me.

I wonder how many we have in our ranks that would stick if they were reduced to want and suffering like General Washington's troops were the winter he encamped at Valley Forge. His men stuck to him although they were half starved, and their feet were bare and they left blood on the frozen ground as they marched. But they were fighting for American freedom that we are enjoying to-day. I believe we have many that would stick to their job to the very last breath.

I am sure some would complain and say they would have to get a job to support their families if they could not have more, but I am just as sure some would go through without a murmur if they should not get a penny. I know we have some that will stay on the firing line till they drop before they would offer a word of criticism, murmur or complaint. This is true blue soldiery. Paul says we should be good soldiers, and we must follow his instructions. And this means to endure privations as well as to fight.

I tell you, now is the time to work and our people have it in them. A letter from the field a part of which I will give here shows the spirit that is prevailing now: "Brother, we have taken up the house to house canvassing in a general and systematic way. I have three of the sisters helping me and we are visiting hundreds of homes, praying in more than half of them, and distributing our literature in most all of them. Besides, we are distributing lots of papers and tracts in our meetings and other ways."

Our first supply of literature is already exhausted. The work is proving such a blessing, and so many of the saints are becoming so much interested that we are preparing to sow down this town and country around the town with our literature."

This brother sent an order for 15,000 tracts and a large number of Evangelists. We will have them off to him long before this message gets to its destination. I tell you, our people are working—they are on the firing line and they are determined to fire the world and turn it upside down like it was said of the saints of the early Church.

We have word from quite a number of others that are doing the same kind of work, but probably not quite so extensively yet. But I believe God is going to stir up the workers and raise up new ones until we will soon touch the millions where we are now only touching the thousands. I do not hesitate to declare that we must outstrip every other religious movement in the world. We must literally cover the earth with the gospel message by word of mouth or the printed page. We must not spare any labor or expense to get this done. I am all in it myself and I am very sure there are thousands of others that are equally as enthusiastic and zealous as I am about it.

These walls can scarcely hold me sometimes, because I would love to run at train and automobile speed and cry out as I go, but if I can remain here and prepare the literature and help to plan for others to go I am content, but it is a fact that I am so determined and so full of fire that the muscles of my body will hardly be quiet long enough for me to get this message off. If I am not on the firing line I am surely very close to it for the fire is almost consuming me day by day and in the night season as well. I think it burns while I sleep. And I would not sleep if I could get along without it.

I very much appreciate the work done by the churches in the last few weeks in the Sunday School Census Drive. We will have some interesting reports to give you in a little while. I hope there will not be a church left out in this report. As soon as this drive is completed there will be another to commence. There is no time for idleness, and I hope the time will soon come when every church will be thoroughly organized so they will all get their work done at the same time so none of them will have to wait on others while they come up behind.

These great drives are essential for the best interests of all the churches.

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Sunday, April 10, is Home Mission
Day.

There has been a far greater de-
mand for the Sunday School litera-
ture for this quarter than any time in
the past.

Only one hundred and fifty church-
es have reported for the Sunday
School Census Drive. I wonder if we
will have to remind the others about
it by letters direct.

There seems to be an understand-
ing among some of the ministers
that their tithes are kept back at
headquarters. This is not the case.
Their allotment is sent to them and
this added to the offerings they re-
ceive gives the total receipts. From
this total they are to subtract their
actual expenses in the ministry and
tithe the balance. They can put
their tithes in any local church or
send to headquarters.

A note from the foreman of the
printing department states that dur-
ing the month of March we printed
338,130 pieces. This includes books,
pamphlets, tracts, posters, letter
heads, envelopes etc. This is some
business, isn't it? All of this means
that we are publishing the gospel of
peace and good will to men. Every
piece means a message to some one
somewhere. Praise the Lord.

The winter term of the Bible
Training School has closed. The
exercises by the students gave
some idea of what had been before
them during the past school year. The
life of Joseph and incidents that led
him to the high position of being a
father to the Pharaoh of Egypt and
a preserver of life during a great
famine were portrayed in such a
manner as to make a deep and last-
ing impression on all who saw and
heard. And it was clearly stated
that Joseph was a type of Christ.
The other exercises, the songs, the
music, the recitations and map work
all showed that both teachers and
students had not been spending their
time in idleness. Both teachers and
students are deserving of much cred-
it. Somewhere, sometime this world
will hear from this zealous band of
young people who are preparing for
efficient service for the Master. The
next term is announced to open Sept.
26, 1921. Most of the students have
expressed their intention of returning
to complete the course. Only three
were given diplomas this year. C. T.
Morgan of South Carolina, Elizabeth
Gonia of Tennessee, and Jessie L.
Penney of California. I hope many
young people will make preparation
this summer to start in the school
next fall.

The Spring and Summer revival
and camp meeting campaign is now
starting. I want the pastors, the
evangelists and workers to use the
Evangel freely and profusely in their
meetings and get thousands of new
subscribers. Let us make sure of
coming up to the next Assembly to
hear that the subscription list has
reached the twenty-five thousand

mark. I want every body to do your
best to get subscriptions. The read-
ers can see by this time that the
paper contains much more reading
matter than formerly. This is due to
the using of smaller type and a bet-
ter equipped office. I believe it con-
tains more straight reading matter
for the price than any other religious
paper published. Do your best for it!
Please do your best to help spread
the good news. Order a roll and go
to work for it in real old fashioned
dead earnest. I can't offer a commis-
sion. I wish I could, but I believe
the Lord will reward you.

We have just received a shipment
of fine Bibles. Send for price list if
you need a good Bible. Also order
the books, pamphlets, tracts, song
books, and Sunday-school literature.
We have a few back date Sunday-
school picture rolls that sell at \$1.25
each when new, that we will sell for
60c each if any body wants them. The
pictures are beautiful and a few of
these beautiful colored Bible day
pictures hung around on the walls
makes the home look cheerful and
are constant reminders of the Bible
and Jesus, the apostles and saints of
old. Remember you get twelve
beautiful pictures for only 60c. This
is only 5c each. If you want them
you had better get your order in at
once or they may be gone.

Orders for the hot weather gospel
fans are already coming in. It will
not be long now until these fans will
be in great demand. Better place
your orders and get ready for the hot
weather demands. We have a few back
date yet that we can let go for 35c
per doz., and \$2.25 per hundred. The
late ones are 50c per doz., and \$2.60
per hundred. Special price by the
thousand.

A note from the foreman of the
tract mailing department states that
there were 58,190 tracts sent out last
week. This is some going, isn't it?
I am rejoicing because our people are
becoming so enthusiastic over tract
distribution. This is one of the best
ways to publish the gospel. You can
give a tract to a person that you can-
not talk to. Many will read a tract
that will not listen at you. Let us
keep right on sowing these silent
messengers everywhere. You can buy
them for 25c per hundred, or if you
can't pay for them and will distribute
them we'll gladly send them free, but
this means we will have to trust the
Lord for gifts and donations to pay for
them. Pray for this great work, both
for the means for expenses and for
the tracts to accomplish the greatest
good possible. Also pray for more
laborers (tract distributors) to be sent
forth into the Lord's great harvest
field. We want to put them out by
the millions soon, when we are now
putting them out by the thousands.

We are now making a new 20,000
edition of The Story of Walter. This
booklet has accomplished untold good
in the last five years of its publica-
tion. Twenty-five thousand have been
sold. I call upon every lover of Je-
sus to help us circulate them at the
advertised prices.

NOTICE
A district convention will be held at
Morristown, Tenn., April 23rd and
24th. D. C. All the churches in the
Knoxville district will be expected to
be represented at the meeting. Come
expecting a good time, the Lord has
been blessing these conventions.
We especially urge that all the min-
isters attend their district conven-
tion.
M. W. Letsinger, State Overseer.

Keep the Church Pure and Clean.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, *and All
the Saints—Greetings:
I praise God for His saving and
keeping power.

Our meeting has just closed. For
two weeks Brother Harry Whitting-
ton explained the Scriptures to us.
He did great preaching here, many
outsiders saw the light on this way.
There were one saved, one sanctified
and two received the Holy Ghost
speaking in tongues, and all the
saints were edified and drawn close
together. I have a stronger determi-
nation than ever to go through with
Jesus.

We have our Church organized in-
to bands as our General overseer de-
cided, and we feel that it is a step-
ping stone to better things. For this
way is a clean way and if we follow
the directions laid down for us by
the Assembly, we will find that noth-
ing unclean can stay in the Church
of God. Praise the Lord. Saints, let
us do with all our might what our
hands find to do, for Jesus is coming
soon to catch away His bride, the
Church of God, pure, without spot or
wrinkle. Let us make it pure and
clean by living pure clean lives un-
spotted from the world.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Nettie McLendon.
Fork, S. C.

**Can't Praise God Enough for
Salvation**

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings
in Jesus' Name:
I praise God for this wonderful
salvation. I praise Him for ever sav-
ing me, sanctifying and baptizing me
with the blessed Holy Ghost. I never
can praise Him enough for what He
has done for me. I want to stand true
to God and do His will at all times.
My husband and I have this
wonderful salvation, and we have
four little girls that we want to rear
up for Jesus, pray that we will stay
so humble and close to God that we
will not be ashamed for them to fol-
low in our foot steps.
Your humble sister,
Mrs. Eva Dempsey,
Jasper, Fla.

Saw the Light and Began
Walking in it.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:
I am praising God for what He is
to me. He has saved me, sanctified
me and filled me with the Holy Ghost
and fire, glory to God. I thank Him
for the love I have in my heart, and
for the sweet Comforter which still
abides in my soul. I want to praise
Him for the dear old Church of God
and the place I hold in it. I am so
glad that I ever found Jesus and His
Church, bless His name. About twen-
ty-six years ago, I was saved from
sin and lived a Christian life until
about three and one half years ago
when God sent some of His people
here to preach the full gospel. Then
I saw the light and began walking
in it. I went down on my knees and
received the blessing, speaking in
tongues as the Spirit gave utterance,
praise His name. I thank God for
sending those people here.

Oh, praise Him for the sweet love
and unity that is in the Church of
God. I thank God for His power to
save, sanctify and baptize with the
Holy Ghost and fire, bless His name.
He heals my family and myself
when we get sick and I thank Him for
His healing power. In His blessed
Word, He said He would go with us
to the end, and I praise God for the
determination to go all the way with
Him, praise his sweet name.

I praise God for the Evangel for it
is bread for my soul. Every week I
am so anxious to read it I can hardly
wait till it comes to read the sweet
testimonies.

I want all who read this to pray
for me that I may stay humble at
Jesus' feet and do His will at all
times. I want you to pray for my
children who once had the Holy
Ghost, that they may be reclaimed,
also for the healing of my husband's
grandmother who has been crippled
for nine weeks. Pray that God will
heal her and save her soul before it
is too late. Pray earnestly that I
may be able to lead souls to God. He
tells us in His Word to go and
preach the gospel to every creature,
and "He that believeth and is bap-
tized shall be saved; but he that be-
lieveth not shall be damned."

Well, I thank God for Brother and
Sister Tomlinson.

Your sister in Christ,
Dora Funderburk,
Red Bay, Ala.

Wants to Serve the Lord

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in
Jesus' Name:
I am praising the Lord that I still
have victory in my soul. I praise
Him because He has held me up out
of sin in this wicked city. I have
been sick for about two months and
I want to ask everybody who reads
this to please pray for my healing.
I feel like the Lord wants me to do
something for Him, and I want you
to pray that He might reveal what
He wants me to do.

For a while I preached on the
streets with another brother, a Pen-
tecostal man who wanted to join the
Church of God. We would hold
testimony meetings and read the
Bible, and the Lord wonderfully
blessed, but this brother moved and
I lost trace of him and became sick.
There is no Church of God in St.
Louis but there were about eight or
ten who wanted to join but did not
have the opportunity. I tried to get
a few together and have Sunday
School and prayer meetings, but the
devil hindered and I did not succeed.
Please pray that the Lord will show
me what He wants me to do.

Your brother in Christ,
J. W. Kny,
2522 N. Spring Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Living in a Hard Place

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the
Dear Saints Everywhere:
I am praising God for His blessings
which help me on and on, glory to
His name. Oh, how sweet to live for
Jesus. He said, "Come unto me, all
ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take my
yoke upon you, and learn of me; for
I am meek and lowly in heart: and
ye shall find rest unto your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden
is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and
prayer to God for Israel is, that
they might be saved. For I bear
them record that they have a zeal
for God, but not according
to knowledge. For they being
ignorant of God's righteousness,
have not submitted themselves unto
the righteousness of God. For Christ
is the end of the law for righteous-
ness to every one that believeth."
Rom. 10:1-4.

We can see a lot of these people
today, who want to have God's true
love abiding in them. I am living
in a place where it is hard to live a
good life and I would like to ask all
the saints to pray for me that I may
stay humble and win souls for Jesus.
Glory to His name.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Ollie Hopkins,
Salt Lake, Miss.

Determined To Go Through

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in
Jesus' Name:
I sure want to praise our great
King for real salvation through the
blood of Jesus. I praise God for this
highway of holiness, praise His sweet
name. In September I will have
been in this way three years, glory to
God, and I am not a bit tired of it. I
feel more determined to go on with
Jesus than ever before.

I want to praise God for ever pick-
ing me up out of sin and darkness
and placing me in the Church of God.
It seems like I can never praise His
name enough for saving me from
sin and Sanctifying me through the
blood that He shed on the cross that

we might be sanctified.
Jesus tells us in John 14:16, that
He would pray the Father to send
us another Comforter. Well, praise
God! The Comforter has come and ab-
ides in my soul tonight. How I
thank God that He sent the blessed
sweet Holy Ghost into my soul.

When anyone goes down on their
knees before God and drinks that bit-
ter cup of repentance, they then re-
ceive a forgiving spirit and can for-
give the vilest sinner, for anything
he says about him, praise our God.
If I know my heart I have nothing a-
gainst anyone on earth, saint or sin-
ner. There have been some hard
things said about me but I do not
even count it a persecution. We will
have to stand more than being talk-
ed about for Jesus said He was going
to have a tried people. When I hear
of people saying wrong things about
the Church of God, and people who are
trying to serve the dear Lord, it
makes me sorry to see how the old
devil is ruling them. It is sad to
see people serving the devil when
they could so easily serve the Lord.
We ought to praise God for being
saved. What will it profit a man to
gain the whole world and lose his own
soul? Friends, I feel like pressing on.

I desire a special prayer of every
one that reads this for my husband,
that he may be saved, and give up the
things of this world and serve Jesus
for the rest of his life. Please pray
for me that God may use me in any
way it pleases Him, and that I may
be found waiting and watching when
He comes.

Your sister determined to go all the
way,
Mrs. Dolly C. Smith,
Bogue, N. C.

Wants to Sow in Tears

I have been appointed district over-
seer of the Meridian district which
includes twelve counties lying be-
tween Hattiesburg and Jackson dis-
tricts.

I feel like this will be a great har-
vest year for precious souls.

"Behold, the days come, saith the
Lord God, that I will send a famine
in the land, not a famine of bread,
nor a thirst for water, but of hearing
the words of the Lord." Amos 8:11.
Many are realizing there is a famine
in the land and many of God's called
ones, those who have the burdens
on their hearts for lost mankind, are
fishing and hunting for men. I am
expecting a large number of such to
be brought to the scene of sufferings
this year and plunged into the foun-
tain that is opened in the house of
David and with the inhabitants of
Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness.
I ask the prayers of God's people
who are looking this way to pray for
the meetings that we hold in this
district and elsewhere. Hold me up
that I may sow in many tears and
some day reap in joy.

Your humble brother in His service,
Q. C. Dunaway.

Holding up the Church of God

Dear Brothers and Sisters:
I want to praise God this morning
for what He is to me, praise His dear
name forever. He is all in all to me
and I am glad I ever learned to
trust Him for both soul and body. I
know He can heal me and I am not
afraid to trust myself in His hands.

We are the only Church of God
people in this place and the devil is
after us on every side, but, praise
God, I would rather die in the front
ranks for God than to be a coward
and not stand for the truth and right.
I believe in the Church of God
with all my heart. For a while, be-
cause of the enemy, I failed to hold
up the Church as I should but when
I saw death approaching one of my
children I began to search out my
heart to see where I was lacking. I
soon found out the trouble and told
God that from then on I would stand
for the Church in the face of every
foe. I then confessed to the church
and my child was healed, praise God
forever.

I love the way and I am not tired
of it yet.
Pray for us that we may hold up
the Church in its fullness till Jesus
comes or calls. Pray for me that I
may step out on His promises and do
more for Him.

A servant for the Master,
Pearl Dorris,
Central City, Ky.

**Wants to Tell What the Lord Has
Done for Him.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints Everywhere:

I want to testify through the dear
Evangel about what the Lord has
done for me. He saved and sanctified
me and filled me with the blessed
Holy Ghost, and I am a member of
the great Church of God, praise His
name. I love the name of Je-
sus. I can never thank Him enough
for what He has done for me.

He heals our bodies when we get
sick, glory to God. I feel like going
all the way, glory to Jesus. I feel so
good in my soul tonight, as I write
these lines I can hardly keep from
shouting, praise His name. I have
been in this way nearly ten years and
it is brighter and sweeter tonight
than ever before, glory to God.

Your sister under the blood,
Mary Cole,
Dora, Ala.

Going Through by the Help of God

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints:

I want to praise God through the
Evangel paper. It does my soul good
to read the sweet testimonies.
I am still praising God for salvation
and the desire in my heart to go all
the way and make heaven my home
at any cost.

I desire the prayers of all the saints
that I may grow stronger and rear my
little ones up for the Lord.
Mrs. G. W. Morgan.

How Unfortunate This Was!

In a certain Pentecostal Sunday School there was a class
of girls about thirteen years old, who requested that a
young lady of nineteen, of splendid Christian character, be
assigned as their teacher for the ensuing quarter. The
young lady had led an exemplary Christian life for four
years, and was willing to be their teacher.

But she was not given the class, and that brings us to the
two unfortunate circumstances which we wish to mention:
(1) The Sunday School Superintendent told her, that while
she was sufficiently educated, she didn't know her Bible
well enough to be the teacher. And that is all he said. He
did not commend to her any plan of study that would fit
her for Sunday School teaching. And besides, it was an
unhappy inference concerning his own wife, for the young
lady had been in his wife's Sunday School class for four
years!

(2) The second unfortunate thing was that the young lady
had been a Spirit-filled Christian for four years and had
only read the Bible here and there—had not even read it
through. So the girl was broken hearted and wept tears
of sorrow.

This young lady has been a student of the Bible Corre-
spondence School for only eight weeks. She visited at the
home of one of our friends recently and related the story
as we have told it here. The conversation was largely on
the Bible, and her eyes sparkled as she said, "I wish he
knew how much I know now!" Not only is the young lady
astonished at the progress she has made but all who talk
with her can see it.

This story teaches two things: (1) If you are a church
leader, and see someone who needs Bible instruction, tell
them where they can get it. (2) If YOU see the years slip-
ping by without the Bible knowledge you should have to
fill your place in Christian work—then to you we give the
invitation to join our large class of earnest Bible students—
they study at home by Correspondence.

If you have not seen our catalogue send for it today.
It is free for the asking—just write a postal card.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Study by Correspondence—A. J. Tomlinson, Superintendent
Cleveland, Tennessee.

They Desire Church of God Preacher
Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for this wonder-
ful plan of salvation. I praise Him
for saving me from a life of sin and
leading me to the light of holiness.
I praise Him for baptizing me with
the blessed Holy Ghost and adding me
to the great Church of God. My hus-
band and I joined the Church of God
at Kennesaw, Ga. I am also trusting
God for my body as well as my soul.

There are no Church of God people
here except my husband and I, and
we desire so much for a Church of
God preacher to come here and
preach the full gospel to the people.
We are only a mile and a half from
Chamblee, Ga.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
R. L. Smith and wife.

Wanted Satisfying Portion

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Dear Saints:

How my soul is hungering after
more of God this morning. I am so
glad He counted me worthy to save
me, sanctify and fill me with the Holy
Ghost with the evidence of speaking
in tongues according to Acts 2:4, and
adding me to the great Church of
God. Praise His name.

The Lord worked with me about
ten or twelve years and would not let
me be satisfied in the Methodist
church. Brother R. P. Johnson preached
the light on the Holy Ghost and
after several nights I accepted the
light and began to seek for the Holy
Ghost.

Just before I saw the light on the
baptism of the Holy Ghost I wasn't
satisfied and didn't know what I
wanted, only to be satisfied in the
Lord, for I knew the Bible said there
was a satisfying portion and I didn't
have it.

I want to do the Lord's will. I
would rather give my head than give
up my salvation for I believe it would
be terribly hard to get back to the
Lord if I should lose out. And I have
felt ever since last November at the
Wimauma, Fla. Camp Meeting that
the Lord has something for me to do.
Oh! I do feel so little and unworthy
but I want to do His will for He has
done so much for me. I want Him
to show me what He has for me to
do. It makes no difference to me
what it is, whether great or small, I
am willing to deny myself and take
up my cross and follow Him who
suffered and died on the cross for
me. I must do something for Him
and find out what His will is for me.
I care not what it is just so I know
I will be glad to hear from any one
who feels led to write to me.

Your humble and unworthy brother,
Chas. H. Shaw,
Tampa, Fla.

Oklahoma in Need of Workers

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for the joy I
still have in my soul. The enemy is
strong, but Jesus will never leave us
if we obey His precious Word. Praise
His dear name.
Though we are in the midst of con-
fusion, and in the valley of decision,
yet we can readily see that the Lord
is leading His mighty host with a
conqueror's tread. We can see His
beautiful church rising and shining at
the noonday sun. We now have no

time for discouragement or despond-
encies, but we must hurry on with this
great message of love to those who
haven't heard it yet. Oh! beloved,
let us pray and work harder, for we
have no time to lose. I am praising
God in my soul for the overcoming
grace He is giving me each day.
Bless His dear name! We have a
good Sunday school here at Sapulpa,
Okla., but as in most of the other
places in Okla., the work is in bad
condition and the need of workers is
great, so let us give them our co-op-
eration and work and pray and look to
God for greater things this year than
ever before. Pray for me.

Your sister in Jesus,
Virgie Pritchard.

She Was Reclaimed

Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints
Scattered Abroad:
I am still praising God for full and
free salvation today. I praise Him for
saving me, sanctifying me with His
precious blood and for filling me with
the blessed Holy Ghost and fire. I
thank Him for adding me to the great
Church of God and for ever showing
me the pure and clean way, and I
mean to go through at any cost. I
mean to do the Lord's will, and I am
willing to do anything I can for the
dear Lord.

I praise God for ever taking me back.
I backslid about five months ago and
stayed that way for three months,
but I was not satisfied. I
could not get any rest in the day or
night but God made me willing to
give up and I praise Him for ever re-
claiming me.

I have a determination to hold out
to the end by the help of the dear
Lord. Every one who knows God,
please pray for me, for I sure do need
prayer. I have a hard time in
my home, but the Lord is blessing
me. I want to get closer to Jesus.
I am praising the Lord for the Bi-
ble course because it helps me.
much. Pray for me.

Your kind and loving sister,
Nellie Hagood,
Altavilla, Va.

Feel Like Traveling On

Dear Readers of the Evangel—
Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise God for victory to-
night, and for saving and sanctifying
me and baptizing me with the Holy
Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

I want to praise God that I
ever found the true way and was added
to the Church of God.
My heart goes out for lost souls
tonight. I want to do something for
Jesus. He has done so much for me.
Oh, how it grieves my soul when I
see people reject Christ after what
He suffered for us and the agony
He went through.

Oh! people, stop and think what
love Jesus had for us. Let us re-
ceive this crucified Christ. Praise
God, I have set my face toward Zion
and I intend to keep it in that di-
rection by the grace of God. As I
read the Evangel tonight, it fills my
soul to read the testimonies so full of
the spirit. Glory! Glory! I feel like
traveling on. Pray for the little
band of saints in N. Dakota.

Your brother in Christ,
Charles Cook,
Dodge, N. Dak.

BELONGS TO CHURCH OF GOD THAT SIGNS FOLLOW

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am praising God for victory in my soul and for this great plan of salvation. I praise Him because "He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life," and I know I believe in Him. Glory to God!

I praise Him because He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I have a great privilege of being a member of the Church of God that the signs follow. I am so glad I ever learned to trust God for the healing of my body. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will be humble, obedient and submissive to God's will.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Willie Hindmon,
East Chattanooga, Tenn.

PRAY THAT GOD WILL SEND PEOPLE

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of the Church of God Everywhere:

I read the good letters or testimonies and get lots of soul good from them.

I praise God through the Evangel for what He has done for me. I will confess that I am not as spiritual as I have been, but I am getting more in the center of His will, and feel more spiritual. It is my whole heart's desire to please Him above everything in this world. I am determined to hold out to the end by the grace and help of God.

I dreamed the other night about singing in tongues and preaching under the power of God. Praise God!

Pray for the Church here, as we have had lots of trials lately. There are many people here but they will not go to the Church of God. Pray that the Lord will send them anyway. Also pray for my brothers and friends.

Yours in Christ,
L. J. Vollrath,
West Union, S. C.

HAS HOME OF PRAYER

Dear Saints of God:

I am enjoying and praising God for this wonderful salvation and the blessed Holy Ghost.

I have been in this way for six months and I have no desire to turn back for I know what it means to serve the devil as I have served him. Praise God for the strong determination I have to go all the way with Him; I mean to make heaven my home some day by His grace. Praise God!

He fills my soul day by day to tell people how much He has done for me. He gave me a home of prayer, my husband and one son have the Holy Ghost. Praise God. We sure have some good meetings here at home.

I desire the prayers of all the saints of God that I may stay humble and grow stronger, and do His precious will.

Your humble sister,
Lizzie Stephens,
Lodi, Miss.

WANTS TO BE SHINING LIGHT FOR HIM

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I praise God for the way He has led me until this time. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I am really glad tonight I am one of them—God's chosen ones.

I am so glad I heard the true gospel preached and I want to be a shining light for Him to this dark sinful world. For I mean by the grace of God to go all the way with Jesus. Praise His holy name!

I want all the saints to pray for my unsaved family that they may be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Oma Bowen,
Eupora, Miss.

TWO MESSAGES FROM THE LORD INTERPRETED

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I'm so glad this morning finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name. I am so glad I have such a great desire to go all the way with Jesus. The way gets sweeter every day. I am praising God for the way He is answering prayer and blessing the people.

God has some faithful children here in the dear Church of God near Jessup, Ga., who have been continually pouring out their hearts to God for the lost people and especially for the young folks. God has at last touched their hearts and within the last two weeks, six have received the Holy Ghost and others saved and seeking still higher blessings. One little girl about six years old has the Holy Ghost. Everybody seems so bright and happy, and are good workers in the altar.

On last Friday night we had the best prayer meeting I have ever witnessed. All the saints there seemed to be on fire for God. We had several songs and the power began falling. There was shouting, talking in tongues and dancing under the power.

The testimony meeting was then started and it was just wonderful the way God blessed the saints in giving out their testimonies and telling their experiences. Sister Lizzie Testone gave out a message in tongues and Sister Ellen Williams interpreted it, this is the message:

"Follow Me, follow Me, little children. I will take you to the land of Canaan. Follow on, follow on. This is the way, the holy way, the right way, the narrow way and few there be that find it. Follow Me, follow Me. Follow on, you are near the end. I am coming soon."

Then we all went down on our knees to thank God for the message and interpretation. Sister Testone then gave out another message and Sister Williams interpreted it also. This was the message:

"Why do you doubt? This is the way. Why do you reject God? The gate is open, walk in; the gate is wide open, walk in. Do not grieve the Spirit away. Repent! Repent! This is the

way, the right way. The time will soon be up. Why doubt any longer? Repent and follow me."

We all got down on our faces again and prayed silently, thanking God. Four or five of the saints began to sing in tongues and Sister Williams got a message saying that that was the song the redeemed would sing when they were going in and the angels could not sing. Oh, glory to God!

How good I feel over the many good blessings God bestows upon His children. Our prayer meeting continued until about one o'clock in the morning and the Lord still had a giving hand.

One lady who lived near enough to hear us rejoicing and praising God, got under conviction at her home and began to pray. The next morning she sent for those little children to come and pray for her. Another sister was directed by the Spirit, to go to this place and she went. They prayed for this woman until she came through and received the Holy Ghost.

Praise God for the way He is blessing us here. We desire the prayers of all the saints that we may do the Lord's will.

Your humble sister in Jesus,
Miley Sewell,
Jessup, Ga.

NOT TIRED OF THE WAY

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am still praising my blessed Saviour for what He has done for me. I was once a Baptist and I wanted to do right; now I am in the right way.

About ten years ago I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Acts 2:4.

I am not tired of this way yet and feel like traveling on and on.

Your brother in Christ,
J. S. Jones,
Cleveland, Tenn.

DETERMINED TO TRAVEL ON

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Saints Scattered Abroad:

I am so glad to report victory in my soul this morning. Bless His holy name! I was saved January the eighth and ever since I have been in that strait and narrow way, praise the Lord. The way grows sweeter all the time. The farther I go the greater becomes my determination to go all the way. Praise the Lord!

This morning, I think of the time when I was once a lost sinner; but now I am filled with the Holy Ghost and can tell the world of it. Bless His dear name! Oh, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus. I want you to pray for me, dear brother, that I will grow stronger in Jesus and when He comes I will be ready to meet Him.

Yours for a deeper experience,
J. H. Cooper,
Danila, Fla.

LOVES JESUS FOR SAVING HIS SOUL

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am glad I can say that God loves me and the reason I love Him is because he saved my soul that was lost. I love Jesus for His saving grace, His sanctifying power, and for the blessed Holy Ghost and fire with the witness of the Spirit. Praise God for all things. Pray for me.

Your brother under the blood,
George Anderson,
Bentree, W. Va.

JOY AND PEACE IN HER SOUL

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God this afternoon for the joy and peace in my soul. I praise Him for saving and sanctifying me and because the precious Holy Ghost still abides, thank God. It is so sweet to have a Saviour to go to in every time of need. Praise God, He can help when no one else can.

I was once a sinner and I knew it but when I heard the true gospel I grasped it for I knew it was the right way. I had never been to a holiness meeting before, but, praise God, I had been reading the precious Holy Bible and knew when the Holy Ghost gospel was preached with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4.

I praise God for this highway of holiness and for adding me to the dear old Church of God, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, thank God.

I believe in paying tithes, and I am going to give the tenth of everything I make to the Lord. I praise the Lord for letting me see the light in this way and I pray that more of the people around here may get the experience so we can have a church here. Praise God, I enjoy hearing the true gospel preached. By the help of the Lord, I am going to endure to the end.

I ask the prayers of all the saints everywhere, that I may stay humble and true; also pray for my loved ones who are in sin.

Your little sister in Christ,
Beatrice Roberson,
Baxley, Ga.

HAS THE HOLY GHOST AT FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints of God:

This night finds me really free from sin, and filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues as the evidence according to Acts 2:4.

I am a girl fourteen years old. Two of us have the blessing in our home, papa is saved, and seeking it and mama is convinced. Pray much for them that they may receive the blessing.

Brother E. H. Pearson and wife, and Brother McNabb are true children of God and they sure can preach the pure Gospel. The Lord uses them in handling fire and healing the sick.

I am not a member of the Church of God yet but I sure do love it and intend to join soon. Brother and Sister Pearson have shown me the true light on the Church of God.

We are having a fine Sunday School. I love the Church of God literature and also the Evangel, which is food to my

soul. I want you to send me a bundle of Evangel and tracts to give to our neighbors. I will try to get some subscribers for it. Pray for our children's prayer meeting. There are five children here who have the Holy Ghost already and more are seeking Him. I want you to pray for us in Bogalusa.

Your little sister in Christ,
Lula Mae Hathorne,
Bogalusa, La.

NOTICES

I would like to know the address and spiritual condition of Minnie Devaney, L. B. Roberts, Annie Burk, Class Leaders, Jim and Lue Raney, Charleston, Miss.

If any body knows the whereabouts of Mr. Will Clark, some may know him by W. N. or Bud Clark, please send me his address at once.

Henry Ayers,
Russellville, Ala.

Mrs. James Overstreet of—, Virginia, R. 2, Box 43 has sent in a three months renewal for the Evangel and failed to give the town. Please send your full address to us. Subscription Dept., Evangel Office, 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn.

To the members of the Church of God at Providence near Solway, Tenn. There will be a business meeting at Providence on Saturday night, April 23rd, and the Lord's supper and feet washing will be observed on Sunday, April 24th. Come expecting a great time in the Lord.

J. M. Scarbrough, clerk.

The Church at Perry, Fla. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Chas. Cook last heard of at Perry, Fla., also Mrs. Arney Vinson, last heard of at Jacksonville, Fla. Would like to hear from these people at once.

Your brother,
D. H. Brown, clerk and treasurer,
Perry, Fla.

I want some one who can play the organ and sing to go with me in the revival work this summer. I have a good folding organ in my possession. I would also like to have some one that has a tent, or if anyone has a new tent or a second hand tent to sell please write me at once by return mail as I have five places now to hold revival meetings.

Your brother in Christ,
C. G. Coggins,
Erastus, N. C.

I have now started to visit all the churches again. Will be at Crumley's Chapel church on the 1st Sunday in April, D. V. Expect to have communion and feet washing. Will be at Hurricane, on the 3rd Sunday of April; at Anniston on the fourth Sunday in April.

All members of each church are requested to be present. Come praying and expecting a feast from God.

Thy brother,
R. M. Gallups, district pastor,
Pell City, Ala.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A district conference will be held at Pates Temple near Red Bay, Ala., beginning April 20th.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Unity and Fellowship, by J. C. Lentz; Thursday, 7:30 P. M., Obedience, by J. E. Wigginton; Friday, 7:30 P. M., Prayer and its Effect, by H. C. Lucas; Saturday, 7:30 P. M., Pentecost and Trinitarianism, by J. R. Moxley; Sunday, 11:00 A. M., How to Win Souls, H. A. Pressgrove; Sunday P. M., Have Faith in God, E. C. Rider. H. A. Pressgrove, state overseer.

ASLEEP

The death angel visited the home of Brother Printes Carter and claimed him, a loving husband and father, for his victim.

He was not a member of the Church of God but he said it was the only Bible church. His testimony showed that he was saved and sanctified but had not received the Holy Ghost. He was saved twenty-eight years ago and a few weeks ago God did a work which he said was entirely different. This made him rejoice and feel as light as a feather. He had encouraging words for all he met and will be greatly missed.

He told me on Sunday before he died that he was ready to go and his only request was for a Church of God preacher to preach his funeral.

He leaves to mourn his death, a wife and seven children.

You will never be forgotten, Never from our memory fade; A loving heart will always linger Round the grave where you are laid.

One who loved him,
W. E. Hill.

HANSFORD

On March 1, 1921 the death angel visited our home at Dahl, Ky. and claimed our dear father, Hewitt Hansford, age 62 years. He suffered severely for about fifteen hours.

He has been living for Jesus about seven years, although he was not a member of the Church of God he was a believer.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, six children, ten grand-children other relatives and many friends. He was loved by all who knew him, but God loved him best and took him home to dwell. We can only say, Father, Thy will be done, and not ours. For we know and realize our loss is heaven's gain. With a testimony following he was ready to go. And we hear the voice say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Rev. 14:13. And we know he can never again to us return but we can go to him.

Funeral service was conducted by C. H. Randall, the body was laid to rest near Cedar Gap to await the resurrection.

In love he lived, And in peace he died, His life was craved, But God denied.

His daughter,
Mrs. Chas. Randall.

ALEXANDER

Estella Alexander was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 22, 1885 and departed this life in Cleveland, Tenn.,

March 23, 1921, age 35 years, 4 months and 1 day.

She was converted at the age of twelve years and joined the Methodist church, and was an ordained elder and Missionary of this church.

She was united in marriage to Owen W. Alexander on Sunday, October 2, 1910 in St. Louis, Mo. by Rev. D. G. Gorman. To this union three children were born—Ruth, William and Boaz, ages nine, seven and three respectively. Brother and Sister Alexander were serving as missionaries in Chihuahua, Mexico when Ruth came into the home. Sister Alexander has traveled extensively with her husband throughout the states carrying the glad tidings of salvation.

In or about two year 1908 she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and in January, 1919, she became a member of the Church of God at this place and was a loyal member till the day of her death. She was set forth as an evangelist on April 14, 1919.

In the death of Sister Alexander, her husband lost a devoted companion, her children are deprived of a loving mother's care and the church has lost a loyal member and a faithful worker for the Lord.

We do not understand why this mother has been taken from the home, but we do know that God doeth all things well, and His ways are higher than our ways as the heavens are higher than the earth.

Sister Alexander's father and mother preceded her to the great beyond several years ago. No doubt they were waiting to greet her when her soul was wafted home to glory.

She will be missed in church and by her friends but most of all by husband and children. It seemed that she wanted to live for the sake of her family for she knew that her children needed a mother's care but God saw fit to take her. She is through with the trials and troubles of this life. She has made the voyage on the sea of life successfully, and landed safely on the other shore. She is now happy, free from pain and suffering and will be waiting and watching for her dear ones to join her in the bliss and glory of heaven.

We sorrow not as those who have no hope for we know that she is with the Lord, and that is the goal for which we are striving.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

REPORT

The Young People's Meeting at Anniston, Ala. is doing great work. There has been some saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for our young people and the interest they are taking in their services every Friday night.

T. N. Dempsey,
Anniston, Ala.

I thank God for the revival fire that has been poured out here. Souls have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Four were added to the Church of God in the last twenty days. The altar is still full of seekers. Pray for success in Woodbury, N. J.

Yours in Christ,
C. F. Bright.

Brother T. L. McLean and wife have just closed a successful meeting at Morristown, Tenn. The power of the enemy was strong against us but God gave the victory. Ten were saved, five sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The Church was strengthened and much lasting good was done. Many enjoyed the ministry of Brother and Sister McLean while here and we hope for them a prosperous year with many souls for their labor. Pray much for us here.

Yours in Christ,
H. N. Scoggins,
Morristown, Tenn.

We began a meeting at Byrd Chapel, Feb. 26, and closed March 20. The Lord was with us from the very beginning, large crowds attended and good attention was given. Eternity alone can reveal the good which was accomplished.

Holiness fighters came to the meeting and seemed to be anxious for the blessing. Many were thoroughly convinced that the Church of God is right and many were saved and sanctified, the number unknown, but according to the testimonies six were baptized with the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6. Thirteen were added to the Church on Friday night, March 18.

There was a large rattlesnake pit brought to the meeting, and after the singing, praying and reading of Mark 16:15-20, the serpent was handled successfully to the glory of God as the signs followed. Praise God forever!

The Church of God at Byrd Chapel near Meadville, Miss. was established with great faith. Pray for us.

Your brother under the blood,
G. G. Williams.

FORWARD MOVE

On Feb. 21, 1921 we began a meeting at Tarpon Springs, Fla. with Brother C. A. Churchill and helpers. They were with us until the 26th. At that time the Lord sent us Brother J. W. Allen who rendered faithful and profitable service. God wonderfully used Brother Allen here. There was great interest from the very beginning.

The meeting had continued for about ten days when a message was given out and interpreted as follows, "God is pleased with our holding on, hold on and pray through. Jesus is coming soon." This encouraged the faithful saints who had been praying and in about two or three days after this message was given out, another was given with the interpretation as follows, "I am near, I am near; press on, I am coming soon. There are greater things ahead, press on." This was given amidst tears and sobs, with praise.

There were twelve saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, four added to the Church of God and others to come in later. Amid all the ups and downs the Church is now a "Forward Move." During the meeting a nice little par-

sonage was erected by the church and the pastor, with others, was kept busy, for the Lord did help us. The meeting continued four weeks and we are still expecting greater victories here.

We thank God for Brother Allen and his faithful service rendered here. May God bless him.

Yours for God's cause,
Perry W. Haddock, pastor, and wife,
Pent St., Tarpon Springs, Fla.

THE COMFORTER STILL ABIDES

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am praising God for this wonderful plan of salvation. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost on Dec. 29, in Brother Churchill's meeting. The Comforter still abides. Praise His name!

He has placed my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus, and I am determined by His help to stay there until He comes or calls. Pray for me to stand true and do the Lord's will that I may win souls for Him.

Your little sister in Christ,
Etta Williams.

SHE NEEDS PRAYER

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Under the Precious Blood of Jesus:

I was saved and sanctified in Brother Churchill's meeting. And after he left I got so hungry for more of the Lord, that some of my friends and myself went out into the woods to pray, and I received the Holy Ghost January 5, 1921.

When I was under the power of the Lord I had a vision, I could see the Lord coming from the sky to meet me, and one Thursday at prayer meeting at one of the saint's houses, I saw a dove of white doves coming out of her bedroom into the front room where we were having meeting. My father will not let me go to meeting now, and I want all the saints to pray that the Lord will touch his heart so I can go to meeting. I am only thirteen years of age.

Yours under the blood,
Flora Mora,
Cortez, Fla.

BE LOYAL TO THE CHURCH

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God today for full salvation.

Have just closed a three weeks meeting at Welcome, Fla. The Lord was with us and blessed. No one was saved but several were seeking; we expect to see some saved in the near future.

Some messages were given and interpreted. One was: "Jesus is coming soon, go out and warn the people to flee from the wrath to come. Do not lose any time, go out in the highways and hedges and compel them to come, that my house may be full; other sheep have I which are not of this fold, they also must come." Praise God. I feel like going on preaching the gospel in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Oh! beloved, let us press on and pray more.

The dear old Church of God is taking fast strides to perfection. And if we don't keep on the run, keep praying and holding on to God, paying tithes, living the life and submitting ourselves to them that have the rule over us. I greatly fear lest any of us should fail to come into His rest. Let us watch and be sober.

Paul says, "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks." Eph. 5:4. Paul says in Titus 2:1, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." Titus 2:6, "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded." And in Proverbs 24:9, "The thought of foolishness is a sin; And the scorner is an abomination to men."

Oh! how we need to pray and let the glory of God shine out upon our faces. I see so many of the saints who are careless about the way they talk; they will joke a little along the way. Paul says it is not convenient; but rather giving of thanks. Oh! beloved, let us quit it for the devil will sure trap us here if we are not careful. I don't mean we must go about with a long face and a sad look on, but be cheerful and look happy. We must pray more as the devil is getting stronger and it is harder for people to pray through and get saved. So many are getting careless, indifferent and discouraged. Let us press on for the prize in eternal life.

When God began calling my husband and me out into His work, we would not heed at first for we didn't see how we could go then, but God would not let us off. So we took sick and were sick about six weeks. We trusted God for the healing of our bodies and He healed them when we got willing to go out in His work. And the Lord is still with us and heals us when we get sick. I want to do more for Jesus, and help spread this gospel more.

I praise God for the great Church of God and her rules and government. Beloved, let us be obedient, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. It seems like people and even some of the saints are not as anxious to go to meeting as they used to be. Beloved! let us pray more and not let the careless and indifferent spirit seize us. I am determined more than ever before to stand true to the Church of God and obey the teachings, and those who have the rule over me. I am like old Brother Peter in John 6:66-69. "When many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then Jesus said unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." Praise God! Saints let us press on and stand true to God.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
W. R. Sanders and wife,
Nichols, Fla.

FROM THE BATTLEFIELD
J. R. Smith of Morgantown, Miss., has just closed a fifteen days meeting. About twenty-four are seeking for the blessing now. Two were sanctified, one reclaimed to the Holy Ghost and several were saved, reports Tollie Lofton, McCall Creek, Miss.

I am still on the Battlefield. I have been in the mountains of North Ga. nearly four weeks. Just closed a meeting at Mt. Zion church with victory. Two backsliders reclaimed, three others came into the Church.

The saints were strengthened and are on fire for God now. There was much shouting in the camp, reports D. C. Culpepper, Suches, Ga.

REQUESTS

Liza Cobb, Speedwell, Tenn., requests prayer to be healed of rheumatism.

Mrs. Pearl Williams, Harvest, Ala., requests prayer for her son to be saved.

Mrs. Biddle Taylor, Vernon, Ala., requests prayer for her family to be saved.

A sister of Alachua, Fla., requests prayer for her husband, son and brother to be saved.

Joe Graham, Lafollette, Tenn., requests special prayer for his wife to be healed.

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A Word for the Bible School
Dear Ones of the Church of God, and All It May Concern:
I have just received the victory. This morning while studying my Bible, it seemed as if I would go to sleep in spite of anything I could do. Then I remembered what Brother Tomlinson had said in one of the Evangel of the trouble he often had to keep himself awake and how he often washed his face and ran around in the open air to arouse himself. So this morning I tried it out myself and it worked fine. I jumped and danced with rejoicing for victory even before it came. I felt like a new woman and returned to my work with new life about me. It surely pays to rejoice.

I like my Bible Course fine and am now studying my ninth lesson. It is so good to see so many things in it which compare with the spirit of the age today. I have already received much good from the lessons and am sure I will receive more. My only regret is that I did not commence earlier.

Bible study is like salvation because you have to try it out before you get any good from it. I praise Him this morning for the hope I have in Jesus and for the good I hope to do with the knowledge I derive from my Bible study.

I will be fifty years old on June the seventh if I live and my mind is not so active as it used to be, but with God and all His promises to back me up I study harder than ever to get a better knowledge of the Word of God.

When I married I studied my Bible and, while raising my nine children, found time to carry out its teachings. People came to my door for help and I gave them food and always the Word of God either by a talk or a tract. Now He who is my life has opened the way for me to get a better knowledge of Him. I encourage others and tell them that God will see to them even in hard times and to the end of the world.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. C. E. Reed,
2033 Springwells, Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Wants Church in Her Neighborhood

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I am thanking God today for what He is to me. I am thanking Him for showing me the true way of holiness. Although I do not have the privilege of attending the Church of God, I still have the victory and am praying God that a Church may be started here, for we sure need it.

However, we are having cottage prayer meetings and have a few believers but none with the blessing yet. Pray a special prayer for us here.

A sister in Jesus,
Mrs. Belle Murray,
Saltillo, Miss.

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- Ala. Z. D. Simpson, Dora, Ala.
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- W. Va. W. M. Rumlir, Cedar Grove, W. Va.

Loves the Way Better Every Day

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:
I praise God through the dear old Evangel for victory in my soul. I am still a Church of God member and like this good old way better and better every day. We have a little Church here in Roanoke, Va. We have thirty members. Brother Niswander is our pastor and I don't think he could be beaten in Virginia or any other state, and we thank God for him.

Pray for me that I may be ever around doing a good work for Jesus. Your sister looking for Jesus,
Mrs. D. P. Lawhorn,
Roanoke, Va.

ON THE FIRING LINE

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and the printage of them will show sooner or later. Getting people into Sunday-school who do not attend is not all the object there is in this special drive. It gives the churches some work to do and this is always good. To be a church member and not work is too much like nonentity. And this will not do at a time like this. Time is too precious—passing too rapidly—to let it go by in that way. Every body works in the Church of God, every body works at something. The great object is to work to save others, and in this way they will save themselves.

Two men were traveling in a great snow storm. While on the way they found a man lying in the road almost covered with snow. At first they supposed he was already dead, but upon examination they found he was not dead but in a condition to die in a few minutes if there were not some thing done to aid him. One said, "We must aid him, for he will be frozen in a few minutes if we let him alone." The other said, "But I am almost frozen, I must hurry on to the place I am going. I must stop." He went on, but the other took hold of the frozen man and lifted him up and rolled him about, and worked hard to bring him back to consciousness. By doing so he got warm besides he saved the man from death. After a while they two went on together, not thinking of overtaking the man that would not stop to help an unfortunate wayfaring stranger. They had not traveled far, however, until they discovered the form of a human almost covered over with snow. Upon examination they soon found that it was the very man that could not stop to help another. He was already dead and frozen stiff.

Here is the lesson: No help given, such a one will soon die. This is especially true of spiritual life. A person cannot retain spiritual life who never tries to help others. A Christian experience will soon disappear if it is not put to use. While you are helping others you will get help. This is the way to the life giving fountain, and this is the way to stay under its drippings.

Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I report a wonderful revival, conducted by Brother H. L. Caldwell, Sister N. L. Jones from Ravensford, N. C. assisted in giving out the Word. The Lord did wonderfully bless. It began with prayer meeting at Brother and Sister Bradburn's on Tuesday night, February 22 and closed on Sunday night, March 6, 1921.

There were three saved, three reclaimed, eight sanctified and nine received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Acts 2:4. Thirteen were added to the Church of God and nine followed the Lord in water baptism. One sister and her husband received the baptism the same night. He received the Holy Ghost at church, and she received Him, on the way home. They were praising the Lord and singing all the way home. The Lord's supper and feet washing was observed on Sunday night. Pray for Your brother in Christ,
E. C. Bradburn.

Praising God for the Strait and Narrow Way

Dear Saints of God:

I am a member of the dear old Church of God, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, praise God. I praise God for this straight and narrow way. It is a holy way and no unclean thing is allowed. It makes folks straighten up and live a clean life.

I am glad that I have paid the price and come into the dear old Church of God, the church that will stand until Jesus comes. Pray for me that I will ever be found humble and doing something for the dear Lord. Your blood-washed brother,
Wesley Ross,
Alicia, Ark.

Wants To Go About His Father's Business

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings:

I am glad to report victory tonight, walking in heaven's bright light. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. I feel like going all the way and doing what I can for Jesus and His church. Oh! I should be up and about my Father's business. I feel that I must go if the Spirit keeps urging.

I live about seven miles from the nearest Church of God people, so I cannot go to meeting often, but I read the Evangel regularly. It is food to my soul; how I praise God for it. I want every one who reads this to pray for me that I may stand true in the Church of God and do His will, who has done so much for me. Also pray for my unsaved parents.

Your brother in Christ,
Simmie Tapley,
Marrietta, Ga.

Loves the Church of God Because She is Pure and Clean

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of God—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God today for the great love He had for me to save me from a life of sin. I am so glad I ever learned to know God, and that life is eternal. Bless His holy name! I rejoice greatly in the truth of God, which tells me I have been redeemed; not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but, thank God, with the precious blood of Jesus as a lamb without a spot or blemish. I am so glad I became a member of the Church of God, that Jesus pays the gates of hell shall not prevail against. Praise God for ever, I feel so safe in the Church of God. I have more freedom and liberty than in any other

church. I love the Church of God because it is pure and clean.

Beloved, the Lord surely has been good to me and the baptism of the Holy Ghost keeps the fire burning in my soul.

It was through Brother Tomlinson's encouragement that I am taking the Bible Correspondence Course which is proving a great blessing to me. I feel like I am in one of the greatest schools on earth. I think every one should take it for it means so much to anyone, it is such a great help. Praise God!

Beloved, I want you to pray for me that I will ever stay humble and true to God.

Your brother in Christ,
M. A. Cohoe,
Preston, Md.

Is Delighted With the Way

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for a salvation that keeps us above sin. I praise Him because He met me in Thayer, Mo. more than eleven years ago, saved me, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke with other tongues. I am praising God for this way, I love it and it just suits me. I feel like traveling on, praise God for this clean way, for the dear old Church of God of which I am a member. I am glad that He ever thought me worthy to be added to His glorious body, for I know the Church of God is the cleanest thing this side of heaven.

Pray much for me that I may be true to the end, and that the Lord may have His way with me. I mean to do His will if it costs my life, burned at the stake. It will be just laying down the cross and taking up the crown, with a short route to glory, praise His name.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
J. W. Grimes,
Truman, Ark.

A Falling Away Must Be

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:

I praise God for what He has done for me. I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, also a member of the Church of God.

I love the Church, her teachings and government. The government brings all the members together in one, when all are obedient to all the teachings. As the Word says, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." Although some have dropped out each year as the government is made better, Jesus said except there be a falling away He would not come back. After awhile His Church will be without spot or wrinkle. Then He will come after His bride. Praise God! I want to be among the ones that will rise to meet Him.

A sister,
Minnie Funderburk.

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

F. M. McClendon

For some time, I have felt like writing on this wonderful subject, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. I will admit there has been much said on this subject, but I am afraid, not enough.

Over nineteen centuries ago, our Savior appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and gave this great command, "Go ye into all the world." In St. Luke's gospel he records these words, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoves Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24: 45-49.

From my boyhood I have wondered why the work of the apostles was so effective that thousands of souls were saved in one service, but since I have seen the beautiful light of Pentecost and have tarried until the blessing came, I understand the theme of their success and the wonderful endowment of power for service.

I remember, on one occasion, after our Lord had been crucified and arose His disciples asked Him saying, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" He said unto them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:6-8.

Beloved, we see it isn't earthly things that we need but the power for service. I am afraid that a great many of our preachers spend too much of our time worrying about our earthly welfare. As I view the situation that confronts us now, it is a good time to sing, "I am living by faith and feel no alarm." I have often sung this song but never realized what it really meant like I do now.

Some time ago I read a letter from one of my dear brothers. He said he was in a hard shape financially. I kindly wrote back, "Now is our time to shout." Do you think I am complaining about the hard times, a thousand times no, I have never felt more like going on in my life. Hallelujah! The "Go ye" is ringing out like a thunder bolt from a clear sky. Beloved, we need the zeal that will burn its way through all opposing powers, discouragements, disappointments and hindrances. Go, until the flag of full gospel truth is planted in every part of God's creation. There are many folks that say they are called to preach, if you are my brother or sister you had better get busy. Let every man abide in the calling wherein he is called. There is a difference in being called to do a thing and being sent. Moses upon seeing his people in bondage thought they knew how God would deliver

them so he killed the Egyptian that was over certain of them. The next day seeing two of his own brothers striving together he thought he would settle the matter but they said, "Wilt thou kill us as thou didst the Egyptian yesterday?" Moses upon hearing this, fled into Midian and remained for forty years. One day when he was looking after the sheep, he saw a bush on fire and the bush was not consumed. God spoke to Moses out of the bush and commanded him to go and deliver his people.

Brother, if your calling will not last through thick and thin, you need to stay in Midian until you get the fire. Moses began to make excuses, he said that he couldn't talk well and that he wasn't an eloquent speaker, but the Lord told Moses that he would give him Aaron, his brother, and he would be his spokesman. Jesus said, "Think not until that hour what you shall speak," "For it is not ye that speak but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."

The sermon in the Evangel to the preachers was fine. We need the fire that will burn its way into every cold heart we come in contact with. When the Lord called Isaiah he began to make excuses about his unclean lips. Then one of those flying creatures took the tongues and picked up a coal of fire from the altar and put it on his lips. Isaiah said, "Lord, here am I, send me."

Beloved, a God sent man will go under all circumstances. Let us get a coal of fire from off the altar of God that will open those uncircumcised lips; loose that old stammering tongue and set every fibre of our being aflame with the white heated love of God that will keep us on the go ye path until the world is evangelized and the gospel of the kingdom is preached into all the world; unto every creature, black, white, bond and free and our Lord says, "It is enough, come up higher." Amen.

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WHY DESPISE YE THE CHURCH OF GOD?

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"What! have ye not houses to eat and drink in? Or despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not!" 1 Cor. 11:22.

Is this why you despise the Church of God, because she teaches no festivals, no box lunch suppers, no ice cream socials no entertainment in the churches. Jesus drove out such in His day and we as His followers must take the same stand that He did. "And Jesus went, into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple, (notice Jesus talking) he said, I have written (signifying) it was written even at that time, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Mark 11:15-17.

Is this why you despise the Church of God, because it teaches you can adorn yourself with finger rings, ear

rings or any unnecessary ornaments? Read Isa. 3:16 and James 2:2-4. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Tim. 2:9-11. Read 1 Pet. 3:3,4.

Is this why you despise the Church of God, because it teaches government? "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The ever-lasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6. Then the head, "Jesus," is in heaven.

The body down here, which is His shoulder, 1 Cor. 12:27,28. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular, and God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

In the period of the human race, or the period of Direct Administration, God spoke to the people directly, as when He told Moses, "Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto me, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there, and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone." Num. 11:16,17. That is why we have apostles, prophets, and teachers to rule. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17. Without rulers there is no government.

Now, however, we are the temple of God and He will dwell in us if we obey the Word of God. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16. Read 1 Cor. 6:1-9.

In the second or Patriarchal Administration, God deals with us through Jesus and the Holy Ghost. John 14:26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Is this why you despise the Church of God, because of her teaching to wash feet? Ye call me master and Lord: and ye say well for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:13-15.

If you wish to eat the whole Book, this is some things that may be better at first, but after once digested, the sweetness that will flow over your soul will teach you that Jesus meant what He said. In the seventeenth verse, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Glory! I can feel His approval even in writing about it. Beloved, do not let any one tell you that this was just for the apostles. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

Is this why you despise the Church of God, because God has given her the real Bible name? You say you are the Church of God. Why then have you nicknamed yourselves Methodists, Baptists etc., and even Pentecostal Mission? Are you ashamed of the name or can't you live to the Bible Church of God? The name will not do any good unless the Bible or the pattern is followed, as the light shines on your pathway.

Some say we are born into the Church. I would like to see that proven by the Bible for I desire to learn all I can. In 1 Cor. 1:2, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints" etc. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15. Read Acts 20:28; 14:23; 1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Cor. 12:28; Gal. 1:13. This is not a starting point to the many Scriptures that are given in the Bible revealing the beautiful Church of God. Read Eph. 5:27.

Some folks say they have no doctrine to preach. Read Titus 2:1-10. If we preach Jesus, we will have to preach His doctrine. "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Jesus meant just what He said and thousands of people today are receiving the tongues according to Acts 2:4. Devils are being cast out, serpents are being handled, poison is taken and God is healing. The Church of God stands for the whole Bible right-ly divided. Do you? Did you ever hear of Jesus telling an untruth? Then why not believe all He said?

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